

Dear business owner:

The last few months have been tough for all of us in North East Lincolnshire, but particularly difficult for those of you who run businesses, of whatever size, in the area.

The experience of the COVID-19 Pandemic so far in North East Lincolnshire has shown everyone - from members of the public and businesses, to the Council, NHS and care organisations - united in a common purpose. But it's vital we continue to stick together to maintain our area's very low infection rates as other towns and cities begin to struggle with the virus again.

North East Lincolnshire has not been untouched by COVID-19. A number of our residents have lost their lives during this pandemic while others are finding recovery from the virus can be difficult and takes a long time.

Coronavirus is still here, it is still a threat and it is vitally important that we all continue to take precautions, particularly in the workplace.

Since COVID-19 started, we've been working hard to help support our business community.

- We've delivered more than £32million worth of government grants to local businesses.
- We've continue to promote safe practices and will be rolling out a series of Covid Safety webinars in August targeting SMEs, and specific sectors including Tourism and Fish/Food Processing.
- And weekly meetings of the Development and Growth board have been taking place since March to ensure business intelligence from the sectors is fed into the council around how to help businesses recover from the impact of COVID-19.

With recovery in mind, we've created this handy guide for you to circulate to explain what to do in various scenarios if COVID-19 affects your workplace.

The Council and local NHS and care organisations will continue to work together and innovate as we do everything in our power to keep the potentially devastating impact of COVID-19 on our communities, our care homes, our businesses and our resort as low as it has been so far.

We are grateful for the steps you are taking to support continued vigilance, health and safety.

Help us to keep North East Lincolnshire safe and open.

Best wishes,

Rob Walsh



Chief Executive

North East Lincolnshire Council and
NHS North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group.